

2003 Heat Related Fatalities

After six years, heat lost its ranking as the most deadly weather hazard. In 2003, only 36 lives were claimed by excessive heat, down dramatically from 167 in 2002. The 10-year average for heat related fatalities is 237, compared to 84 for floods, the most deadly weather hazard in 2003. In 2003, 44% (16) of the fatalities occurred in permanent homes and 36% (13) outside. Missouri was by far the deadliest place for heat, accounting for 33% (12) of the deaths. As in the past, excessive heat most severely affects the elderly. Those aged 70 and up accounted for 44 percent of deaths. Twice as many males 67% (24) succumbed as females 33% (12).

2003 HEAT RELATED FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CA	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
FL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
IL	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4
MO	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	0	12
NV	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
OK	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
VA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	1	0	0	0	5	13	16	1	36
PERCENT	3	0	0	0	14	36	44	3	100

2003 HEAT RELATED FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	1	0	0	1	3
10 TO 19	1	1	0	2	6
20 TO 29	0	1	0	1	3
30 TO 39	0	2	0	2	6
40 TO 49	0	2	0	2	6
50 TO 59	0	6	0	6	17
60 TO 69	0	2	0	2	6
70 TO 79	2	3	0	5	14
80 TO 89	5	3	0	8	22
90 TO --	2	1	0	3	8
UNKNOWN	1	3	0	4	11
TOTAL	12	24	0	36	102*
PERCENT	33	67	0	100	

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

LEGEND

BF - Ball Field
CA - Camping
GF - Golf
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
VE - Vehicle